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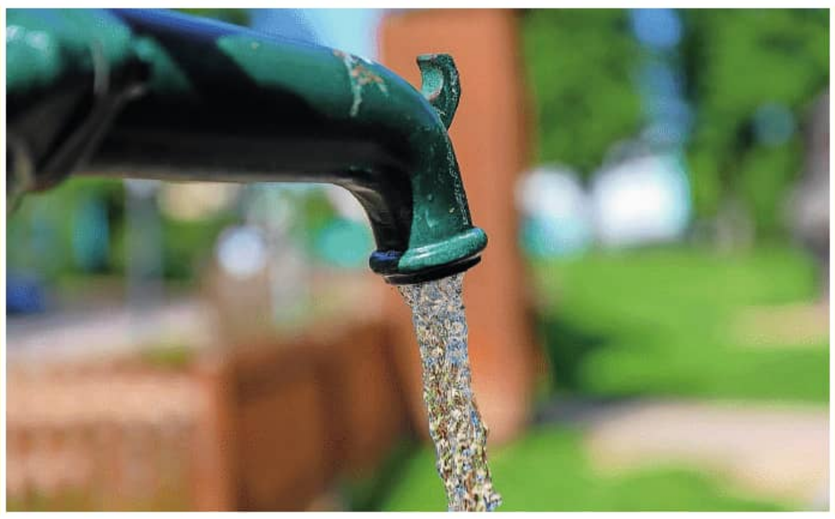

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More water planned for city's periphery as Bengaluru will get an extra 6 TMC under Cauvery Phase 6 Project

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DANGER LOOMS

Every 1.1 sq km area of Bannerghatta National Park has at least one sagging power line, finds ground survey

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Private interstate buses take diversions, drop passengers off on the outskirts and go to any length to avoid RTO inspections; recent checks find many hadn't paid all-India permit fees, or were operating on routes that did not align with registered permits

THE RUNAWAY BUS

During drive at Attibele, cases lodged against 380 buses for non-payment of taxes, rule violations

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The Regional Transport Office (RTO) has launched a crackdown on private interstate buses for tax evasion and violations of road rules. During the surprise inspections carried out over the past few days, officials found private interstate bus operators were offloading passengers on the outskirts of Bengaluru instead of designated drop-off points within the city in order to dodge checks and unpaid taxes. Not only is this causing revenue losses, but inconvenienced passengers are lashing out on social media.

"Since these buses do not actually enter the state's taxable routes, they technically do not violate the rules. However, there are other operators who deliberately use alternative routes to slip past checkpoints and evade taxes

—Naazir Ahmed, RTO official

Recently a video spread on social media, where some bus passengers had been dropped off near Attibele, from a bus coming from Hyderabad to Bengaluru. It's learnt that private interstate bus operators either do this or take other diversions to avoid enforcement. According to senior officials, several private buses entering Karnataka from neighbouring states such as Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Nagaland,

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Dodge the pits

Sharp decline in pothole-linked accidents and fatalities in 2024 though condition of roads yet to improve

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Despite an increase in potholes reported across Karnataka's major cities and highways, the number of pothole-related deaths and accidents has significantly decreased in 2024. Official data reveals a sharp decline in pothole-linked mishaps and fatalities, even as the overall number of road accidents and injuries continues to hover around the same high levels as the previous year.

According to the latest data, Karnataka witnessed 93 pothole-related accidents in 2024, resulting in 24 deaths and 118 injuries. This marks a 60.7% reduction in accidents, a 64.7% fall in fatalities, and a 61.2% decline in injuries compared to 2023, when the state had reported 237 accidents, 68 deaths, and 304 injuries due to potholes.

Though pothole-related cases have fallen, the overall road accident scenario in the state remains largely unchanged. In 2023, Karnataka recorded 43,440 total road accidents, leading to 12,321 deaths and 52,547 injuries. The corresponding figures for 2024 stand at 43,062 accidents, 12,390 deaths, and 52,591 injuries.

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THINGS TO DO

01 All that jazz

Derek & The Cats, a Bengaluru-based jazz funk collective led by pianist and composer Derek Mathias, will be performing live in the city. Known for their infectious blend of jazz, funk, and house, the band's performances are a burst of groove and energy. **Where: Windmills, Whitefield; When: November 7 and 8, 9.30 pm**

02 Bazaar of wonders

'Salaam Souk', hosted this year with the theme of 'Habibi, welcome to Dubai', inspired by the glamour, opulence and vibrancy of the Middle East, presents an exclusive shopping experience. **Where: Jayamahal Palace; When: Nov 8, 1 pm**

03 Designing future

DesignUp25 — India's leading design and innovation festival —is bringing its 9th edition themed 'The Design Currency'. The three-day festival brings together top global and Indian design leaders from Adobe, Canva, JPMorgan Chase, Netflix, and more, exploring how design drives value in business, technology, and society. **When: Nov 3 to 5, 10 am to 7 pm**

04 Funny side up

After a massive world tour, Samay Raina is back to his homeground, with a brand new show, ready to take the audience on a laughter-filled journey. **Where: Good Shepherd Auditorium, Shanthala Nagar; When: Nov 21, 4 pm**

05 Legal realm

National Law School of India University and Ikigai Law will together be hosting an evening policy dialogue, bringing together voices from government, academia, media, and technology to discuss practical and constitutional approaches to online speech. **Where: Welcom Hotel by ITC Hotels – Richmond Road; When: November 7, 4.30 pm**

Decision pending on appeal to curb protests

Court withholds judgement on State's appeal against stay on order prohibiting gatherings of more than ten people in public spaces without prior permission

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The Karnataka High Court on Tuesday reserved its verdict on a state government appeal challenging a single judge's interim order that had stayed a Home Department government order (GO) restricting gatherings of ten or more persons for civic, social, or cultural activities in public spaces. A division bench comprising Justice SG Pandit and Justice Geetha KB heard detailed submissions from both sides before reserving the matter for orders.

IN HIGH COURT

Advocate General Shashi Kiran Shetty, appearing for the State, defended the order, saying it merely required citizens to obtain prior approval to use public property for rallies or meetings. The bench, however, questioned whether the GO effectively treated any congregation of ten or more people as unlawful. "If people want to walk together, would that amount to an offence?" the court asked. Responding, the AG clarified that the prohibition applied to rallies and processions, not casual gatherings. The bench, after hearing both sides in detail, said it would consider the arguments and reserved its judgment. The single judge's proceedings in the matter are now scheduled to continue on November 17.

PIL on porn sites dismissed

The Karnataka High Court on Tuesday disposed of a public interest litigation (PIL) that sought directions to the central government to prohibit access to certain websites and mobile applications allegedly displaying nudity and pornographic content. A division bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice CM Poonacha closed the proceedings after being informed by Deputy Solicitor General Shanthi Bhushan H that similar matters are already under consideration before the Supreme Court.

Push for food safety

The Karnataka High Court has directed the Union government to enact a law or frame guidelines specifically catering to restaurant businesses, categorising them into small, medium, and large establishments to ensure uniform health and food safety standards across the sector.

PIL seeking ban on explicit websites and apps closes as similar issues currently await decision before Supreme Court

Justice M Nagaprasanna issued the directive while disposing of a petition filed by the Karnataka Pradesh Hotel and Restaurants Association and another, which had challenged certain provisions of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, along with its accompanying regulations. The bench further directed the state government to formulate health and safety standard regulations for street vendors and food trucks, and to ensure establishment of a robust mechanism for strict enforcement.

Malleswaram Kadalekai Parishe to begin Nov 8

Malleswaram Kadalekai Parishe, the annual groundnut fair, is scheduled to be held from November 8 to 10. The three-day fair is being organised by Kadumalleshwara Gelayara Balaga. The speciality of the groundnut fair this year is the introduction of a plastic vending machine in association with Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB).

"We are introducing the plastic vending machine for the first time. Residents can bring empty plastic bottles to the plastic vending machine and get a cash reward of one rupee for two empty plastic bottles," said Kadumalleshwara Geleyara Balaga President BK Shivaram. He said that the objective of the initiative is to reduce usage of plastic and find a solution to empty plastic bottles.

Shivaram said the farmer-friendly and plastic-free groundnut fair will be inaugurated by Muzrai and Transport Minister Ramalinga Reddy, Venkatamma, a woman farmer from Devanahalli, and Sarojamma Banappa

of Madilu Old Age Home. "I want to thank all the volunteers who made around 1.40 lakh paper and cloth bags for the distribution among the vendors during the groundnut fair," he said, adding that vendors and farmers have already been advised not to bring plastic bags as it is a plastic-free event. "We will distribute paper and cloth bags free of cost," he said. Shivaram said that farmers from Karnataka, as well as from Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, are expected to participate.

— Y Maheswara Reddy

District Deputy Directors to oversee PU academic review

Following protest warnings, the Department of School Education (Pre-University) has issued a revised circular directing that the academic status review of government PU colleges will now be overseen by District Deputy Directors (DDs). DIET lecturers will only assist in collecting information under their guidance, rather than directly conducting inspections. The government clarified that DIET staff are appointed solely for data collection purposes. However, the revised order has not satisfied the lecturers' associations, who insist that DIET lecturers are neither qualified nor authorised to assess PU colleges. Leaders of the State PU Lecturers' and Principals' Associations have demanded complete withdrawal of the circular, arguing that academic inspection, supervision, and data gathering by DIET staff undermine PU education standards. Despite the revision, the unions plan to proceed with their statewide protest on Friday at all district headquarters, followed by a major rally at Bengaluru's Freedom Park. — BMB

Students demand district-level education regulatory authority

Students across several districts have urged the government to establish a District Education Regulatory Authority headed by the Deputy Commissioner to address local education-related grievances. The proposed body would include student representatives, education experts, and parents, aiming to resolve issues such as excessive private school fees, illegal institutions, donation practices, lack of hostel facilities, poor infrastructure, and teacher shortages.

Students argue that while many decisions are made at the state level, local implementation is often delayed, making district-level intervention essential for timely action. The student federations have also intensified their demand for strict enforcement of the Fee Regulation Act to curb rising fees and unauthorised collections in private schools. Alongside, they are conducting surveys and awareness drives to highlight student challenges at the grassroots level. A student leader said, "A memorandum detailing these concerns and the need for district-level regulatory bodies will be presented to the government during the upcoming winter session."

— BMB

400 acres to be developed for commercial plots

Under the Bengaluru Business Corridor (BBC) Phase-1 project, about 400 acres of acquired land will be developed into commercial plots, which will primarily be allotted to farmers who have lost their land for the project. The Karnataka Industrial Area Development Board (KIADB) plans to issue final award notices for 2,410 acres of land acquisition by the end of this month. A total of 117 km of land is being acquired for the construction of the business corridor.

BDA officials said that farmers losing over 20 guntas of land will be compensated through a mix of cash, Transferable Development Rights (TDR), Floor Area Ratio (FAR) benefits, or residential/commercial site allotments. Those losing less than 20 guntas will receive full cash compensation. If demand for commercial plots exceeds availability, allotments will be made through a lottery, with landowners getting first preference. Residential site seekers will be accommodated in the Dr Shivaram Karanth Layout and its extensions. The Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister have approved the proposal. A BDA official said, "The corridor's main carriageway will be 41 metres wide, with a total road width of 136 feet including dividers, drains, and four 40-foot side roads each with 10-foot pedestrian paths. Around 100 acres have been reserved for interchanges and junctions, with additional space set aside for future metro expansion." — BMB

'Money rain' ritual scam: ₹18 lakh in ₹2,000 notes seized

Police have arrested 10 people for cheating the public by promising a "money rain" through fake rituals using ₹2,000 currency notes. The incident came to light after the Manager of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) filed a complaint at Halasuru Gate Police Station on October 17, stating that altered ₹2,000 notes altered by changing serial numbers had been submitted to the bank.

Police traced the first accused to the person who deposited the altered notes and arrested him from his Cubbonpet residence on October 24. During questioning, he admitted to depositing ₹40,000 in ₹2,000 notes, saying he had received them from two acquaintances in exchange for a commission. The two were arrested the same day near Mysore Bank Circle.

During interrogation, the accused admitted to deceiving people by claiming that a special ritual ("pooja") performed using ₹2,000 notes excluding those from the "O", "OO", "OP", and "OU" series printed in 2018 with consecutive serial numbers withdrawn from circulation would magically multiply their money a hundredfold and create a "money rain." **BMB**

Man sends obscene messages to actress, arrested

Annapoorneshwari Nagar Police have arrested a man identified as Naveen for allegedly sexually harassing a well-known Kannada television actress by repeatedly sending obscene messages and explicit videos via Facebook Messenger.

According to police, Rajani D visited the station on November 1, to file a formal complaint. Rajani, who has been acting in Telugu and Kannada serials for several years, stated that she uses a Facebook account under the name "rajanipuppy." About three months ago, she received a friend request from an account named "Naveenz," which she ignored. However, the accused allegedly began sending her obscene messages every day.

Despite multiple warnings, the messages continued, prompting the actress to block the account. Police said the accused then created another Facebook ID and continued sending obscene messages along with videos of his private parts. Rajani stated that the harassment persisted even after she cautioned him again.

On November 1, when Naveen allegedly contacted her once more, the actress asked him to meet her at Nandan Palace in Nagarabhavi 2nd Stage. After he arrived around 11.30 am, she confronted him and subsequently filed a complaint when he refused to stop the harassment.

Based on her statement, police registered a case and arrested Naveen. Naveen (30) who is originally from Kerala was working as delivery manager in a private company at Whitefield. **BMB**

2 arrested in '0% Interest Gold Loan' fraud

The Central Crime Branch (CCB) Economic Offences Wing of City Police has arrested two individuals identified as Saalam and Ajith for allegedly running a fraudulent "0% interest gold loan" scheme and cheating scores of customers. Officers have seized 1 kg 478 grams of gold ornaments and 5 kg of silver articles, together valued at around ₹1.8 crore, from a jewellery shop in HRBR Layout.

According to the police, the main accused had opened a jewellery shop in Vidyaranyapura, where he advertised

"0% interest gold loans" to attract customers. Trusting the offer, several people pledged their gold ornaments in exchange for loans.

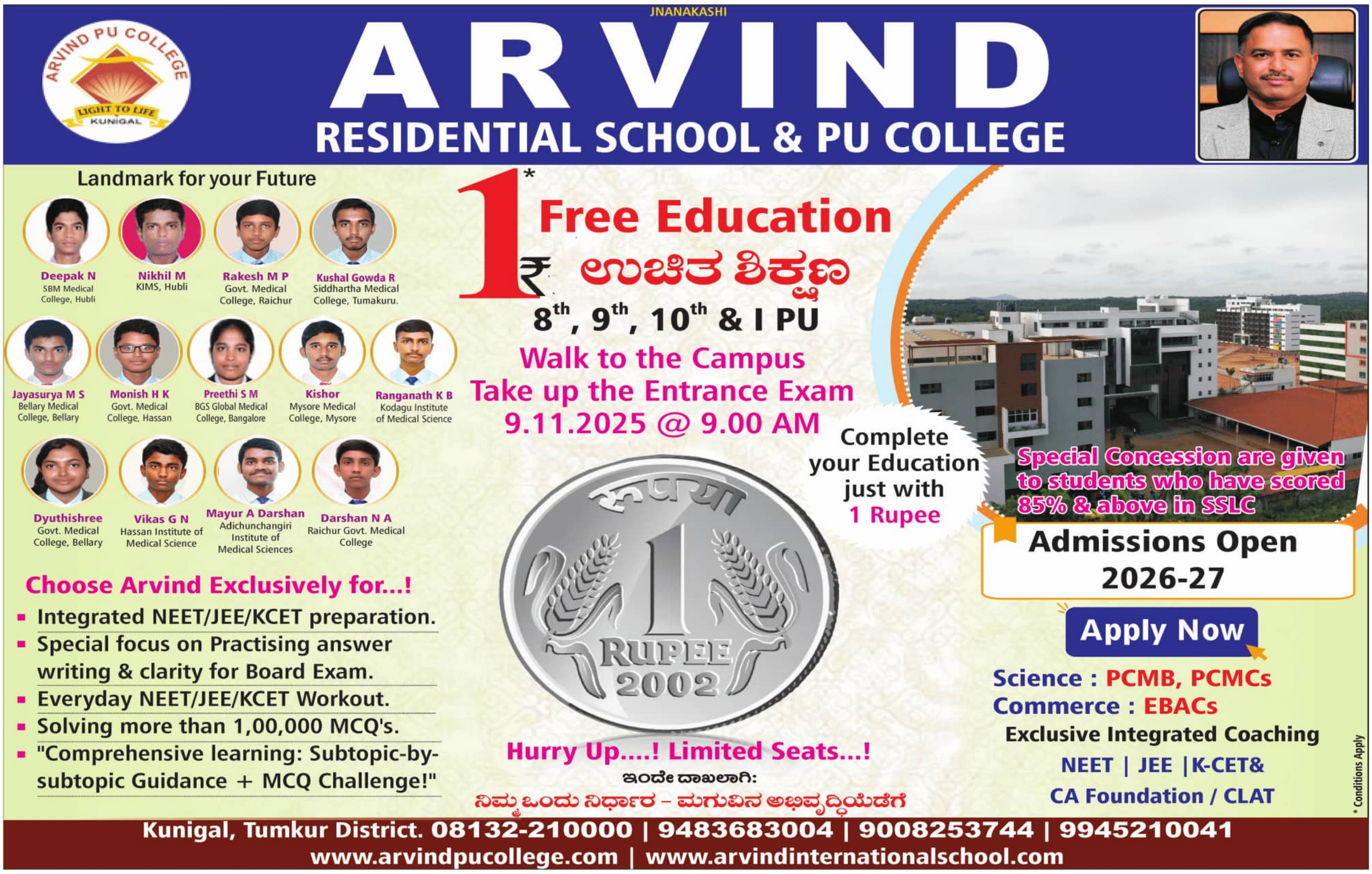
However, instead of receiving the rightful amount, victims were paid only 50–60% of the actual value of their jewellery. They were further instructed not to redeem their pledged items for at least 11 months.

During this period, the accused allegedly sold the pledged jewellery to another jewellery shop, making an illicit profit of 40–50%. Police officials put out this official: "Before pledging gold, the public is advised to verify the authenticity and licence of the financial institution..." **BMB**

2 jailed for beating Infosys employee to death

The City Civil and Sessions Court sentenced two convicts to life imprisonment and imposed a fine of ₹10,000 each for the murder of an Infosys employee, on Tuesday. Sidharth, a software engineer, who hailed from Patna, was beaten to death on June 26, 2018 by Mahesh and Girish.

Siddharth was returning home after dinner when his two-wheeler collided with the vehicle of Mahesh and Girish. A heated argument ensued, during which the accused picked up a rod from a nearby construction site and assaulted Siddharth. **BMB**



Domlur residents fume over stinking garbage station

Continuous odor, poor upkeep of Domlur waste station turning recreational zones unhealthy, compelling residents to urge civic body for intervention

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Residents of Domlur and surrounding areas who frequent Dr Rajkumar Park and Sangolli Rayanna Park have been struggling with unbearable stench and unhygienic conditions ever since an unscientific garbage transfer station was inaugurated a few months ago. The facility, located right beside the two popular parks, has turned morning and evening walks into a distressing experience for visitors.

According to residents, the persistent foul odour emanating from the garbage transfer station has made it difficult for them to enjoy recreational activities or even spend time outdoors. Many say the area, once known for its green and serene environment, now reeks of neglect and poor planning.

Expressing concern, V Shivakumar, General Secretary of the Domlur Layout Residents' Association, said that both the biomethanation plant and the wet waste collection centre have become a public nuisance. "The foul odour from this facility is constant and injurious to the health of residents, park visitors, and even the workers in the area. This is not just an inconvenience — it is a serious health hazard. We request the Health Minister, BCCC Commissioner, and the Health Department to take immediate remedial action," he said.

Echoing this sentiment, Lawrence Anthony, another resident, said the odour has made daily park visits unbearable. "We are not against having a garbage transfer station, but the authorities must ensure it is maintained properly. We have tennis courts here, but it's become nearly impossible to play due to the stench," he said.

In May 2024, Bangalore Mirror had reported on similar issues in its story 'Underdeveloped', highlighting how land under the Domlur flyover had become a trash black spot and a public health concern. The area continues to house a biogas plant, cattle shed, and garbage transfer station, exacerbating the problem for nearby residents.

Locals are now urging the authorities to either maintain the facility scientifically or relocate it altogether. Chandrasekhar, a resident, said, "We cannot visit the park because of the terrible odour from accumulated waste. The BCCC should consider relocating the garbage transfer station to a non-residential area." Senior citizens, too, have voiced similar concerns. Ramamurthy M, a resident of Rustam Bagh Layout, said, "I have been visiting the park for four years to play tennis. But for the past four months, it has been intolerable. The smell makes it impossible to stay for long. I appeal to the authorities to act immediately."

Despite repeated appeals, officials from Bengaluru Solid Waste Management Limited (BSWML) remain unavailable for comment. Further frustrated residents who say their health, recreation, and community wellbeing are at stake.

"This is not just a matter of inconvenience — it is a serious public health concern. We earnestly request the Health Minister, GBA Commissioner, and GBA Health Department to take immediate remedial action

– V Shivakumar, General Secretary, Domlur Layout Residents Association

Neglect leaves Dorekere Lake struggling to survive

Once a vibrant green space for southwest Bengaluru residents, Dorekere Lake near Uttarahalli is now battling neglect and decay. Spread over 28 acres, the lake once drew morning walkers and families with its walking track, open gym, and serene kalyani.

A 1 MLD sewage treatment plant (STP), built in 2010 to sustain the lake with treated water, has remained defunct for nearly three years. With the STP non-functional, the lake now relies only on untreated rainwater entering through six inlets.

Dr K Sambasiva Naidu, a local resident, said, "The situation has worsened due to a broken sewage line chamber on the northern bank, which continuously drains water out of the lake, leading to alarmingly low water levels. During summer, this reduced depth threatens aquatic life." Adding to the concern, residents allege that two layers of stones from the overflow outlet were removed by unknown persons to allow fishing, reducing the lake's capacity. None of the four fountains work, and four out of five gates stay open all day, leaving the area vulnerable to misuse. Locals from three BBMP wards have urged civic authorities to restore Dorekere's ecological and community value. **— BMB**

Tenders invited for Mallige Line completion

The Bengaluru Integrated Rail Infrastructure Development Enterprise Limited (Bi-RIDE)—a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) formed by the Rail Infrastructure Development Company (Karnataka) Limited (KRIDE)—has invited fresh tenders for the Mallige Line (Corridor-2) under the Bengaluru Suburban Transport Project (BSTP).

The new tenders aim to complete the remaining civil works of Corridor-2 after Larsen & Toubro (L&T) unilaterally terminated its earlier contracts. KRIDE has now divided the work into three packages to ensure faster and more efficient completion.

Package 1 involves the design and construction of an elevated viaduct, including ramps over 7.795 km from Bennigenahalli to Shettihalli, along with a 1.20 km double-decker viaduct between Lottegollahalli and Yeshwanthpur, covering Mattikere and Bennigenahalli stations, to be completed in 24 months.

Package 2 includes 11.569 km of at-grade works between Bennigenahalli and Hebbal, while Package 3 covers 5.80 km between Yeshwanthpur and Chikkabanavara. Both packages will be completed within 18 months. **— BMB**

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Garbage pileup
Jayanagar

Residents in Jayanagar continue dumping garbage on 10th C Main, 1st Block near a school, citing irregular BBMP door-to-door collection by autos, causing foul smell and health concerns.

Power waste
Krishnappa Layout

A streetlight at 1st Cross, Krishnappa Layout, Lingarajapuram has been switched on for a week despite complaints to BBMP, wasting power and causing safety concerns.

Broken pipeline
Siddharth Layout

A broken BWSSB pipeline at Siddhartha Layout, K Narayanapura, Hennur Main Road, has remained unrepaired for over a month, causing continuous water leakage and road damage despite repeated resident complaints.

Banks can't charge interest on recovered funds: Mallya

Fugitive liquor baron Vijay Mallya has approached the High Court seeking details of the outstanding debt owed by him and his defunct Kingfisher Airlines, arguing that banks cannot continue charging interest on amounts already recovered. Appearing before Justice Lalitha Kanneganti, senior advocate Sajan Poovayya, representing Mallya, submitted that the consortium of banks had already received more than what was due. "The bank is using the recovered money; my interest meter should stop ticking. Once recovery has been made, the bank cannot say the matter is pending and treat it as temporary," he argued.

Poovayya explained that Kingfisher Airlines, owned by United Breweries Holdings Limited, had defaulted on loans for which Mallya stood as guarantor. The Debt Recovery Tribunal had issued a recovery certificate for ₹6,203 crore with 11.5% interest. He said subsequent proceedings under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) led to attachment and sale of assets, resulting in recoveries exceeding ₹10,000 crore.

Relying on official figures, Poovayya cited an Enforcement Directorate press release from 2021 reporting ₹7,181 crore recovery and a Finance Ministry statement confirming restoration of assets worth around ₹14,000 crore to public sector banks. He urged the court to direct the banks to furnish a statement of accounts reflecting the recoveries made so far.

Opposing the plea, senior advocate Vikram Huilgol, representing the banks, questioned its maintainability, arguing that no public duty was cast upon the banks to warrant a writ of mandamus. He contended that Mallya, declared a fugitive, had approached the court with "unclean hands" after evading proceedings in India. Huilgol added that the banks were bound by statutory undertakings before the PMLA court and that recoveries could not be treated as final.

When asked why the plea was not moved before the company court, Poovayya said multiple authorities were involved, and the writ petition was appropriate. The official liquidator's counsel, Krutika Raghavan, submitted that Mallya should seek such details before the company court. The High Court directed the liquidator to file objections by November 10 and posted the matter for hearing on November 12.

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City's thirst sparks ambitious Cauvery expansion drive

Project targeting 6 TMC annual water pumping from KRS Srirangapatna, enhancing Bengaluru supply network efficiency, ensuring sustainable regional water management

At KRS, 24 acres of government land and 6 acres of private land are required, totaling 30 acres

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To enhance water supply to Bengaluru's outskirts and nearby taluks, the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) has proposed the Cauvery Phase 6 Project, which requires 130 acres of land. The estimated cost for land acquisition is ₹380 crore.

A BWSSB official said, "We have taken a step forward by submitting the Detailed Project Report (DPR) and proposal to the state government, aiming to secure approval for the initiative. Currently, Bengaluru receives water from Torekadanahalli in Malavalli taluk under Cauvery Phases 1 to 5. In Phase 6, the plan is to pump 6 TMC of water annually from Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) in Srirangapatna taluk, located about 140 km away from Bengaluru."

According to BWSSB officials, the land requirement for the Cauvery Phase 6 Project is divided across four key locations. At KRS, 24 acres of government land and 6 acres of private land are required, totaling 30 acres. In Katteri Village, 31 acres of government land and 19 acres of private land will be needed, summing up to 50 acres. For the Ramanagara site, 5 acres of government land and 20 acres of private land are required, making a total of 25 acres. Lastly, at Kengeri, 25 acres of government land are necessary, with no private land required, bringing the total to 25 acres.

In total, 85 acres of government land and 45 acres of private land will be needed, amounting to 130 acres overall. "With the Detailed Project Report (DPR) already submitted, Bengaluru is now waiting for the state government's approval to proceed with this crucial water supply project," the official said.

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Once completed, the project will supply 500 million liters per day (MLD) of water to Bengaluru's peripheral areas, including regions such as Devanahalli, Hoskote, Anekal, Bidadi, and Nelamangala.

"The estimated total project cost is around ₹5,177 crore, with land acquisition being a significant component of the expenses. Of the 130 acres required, 85 acres belong to the government, while 45 acres are privately owned. Compensation for the private landowners is projected at ₹25 lakh per acre, bringing the total land acquisition cost to approximately ₹380 crore. Upon receiving project approval, the state government will allocate the necessary funds for land acquisition, and the Bengaluru Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) will manage the acquisition process," added the official.

Alleged surgical slip leaves cat scarred for life

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The cat was diagnosed with pyometra – a life-threatening uterine infection

A pet parent approached the District Consumer Dispute Redressal Commission seeking compensation from a veterinary doctor for alleged gross deficiency in service, medical negligence, and unfair trade practices. The pet parent appealed to the Commission to direct the veterinary doctor to pay ₹1.50 lakh towards reimbursement of medical and treatment expenses incurred due to the doctor's negligent act and ₹5 lakh compensation towards physical agony caused to the pet, mental harassment, emotional trauma, and lifelong suffering and care necessitated due to permanent damage caused to the cat.

The story is about Farheen Mohiuddin, a pet parent and rescuer, who took her cat Choti to Akshara Pet Hospital on April 13, 2025. The cat was diagnosed with pyometra, a life-threatening uterine infection. "After conducting pre-operative tests, including scans and blood work, the veterinary doctor performed the surgery at around 8.30 pm, and the cat was handed back to the complainant by 9.06 pm. The veterinary doctors claimed the surgery was successful. Soon after returning home, the complainant noticed that Choti was drooling excessively. On contacting the veterinary doctor, she was informed that the symptom was due to stress and considered common. However, when the complainant noticed that Choti had not urinated since the surgery and brought it to the veterinary doctor's notice, the latter failed to diagnose or disclose the real issue, instead assuring the complainant that it was normal for cats to not urinate for 24 to 72 hours," the complaint lodged with the Commission read.

Speaking with Bangalore Mirror, Farheen Mohiuddin said veterinary doctor Dr Babu M failed to treat Choti properly. "Finally, I took Choti to Cessna Lifeline Veterinary Hospital in Domlur on April 17, 2025. Upon conducting scans and diagnostic tests, the doctors there discovered a likely obstruction in the urethra. Emergency surgery was performed, during which it was found that the urethra had been accidentally ligated during the pyometra surgery performed by Dr Babu M," Farheen said.

However, Dr Babu of Akshara Pet Hospital denied any negligence. "The complainant approached the Karnataka Veterinary Council. I submitted my version to the Council. It seems the complainant's intention is to extract money from me. I did not violate any norms," Babu said.

India's kidney crisis deepens amid hidden health and lifestyle gaps

ICMR survey finds Karnataka below national kidney risk average, yet experts warn under-screening could mask a growing health threat

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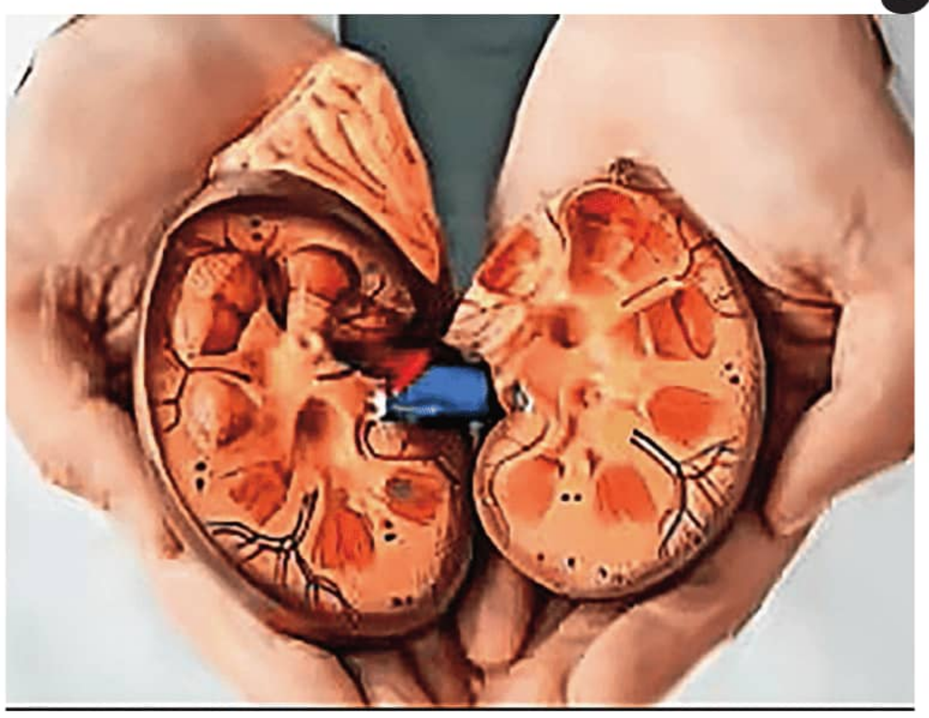


Co-morbidities like diabetes and hypertension amplify kidney dysfunction eightfold, underscoring the urgent need for early screening and preventive healthcare across India

A new analysis of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) survey on impaired kidney function reveals that Karnataka's prevalence (2.1%) is lower than the national mean of 3.17%, placing the state in the safer half of the national ranking. However, experts caution that the apparent comfort zone may conceal under-screening and early detection gaps.

The findings highlight India's growing kidney disease challenge, one that cuts across geography, gender, and lifestyle. The ICMR survey, which covered over 25,000 participants nationwide, found that 3.2% of adults showed signs of impaired kidney function. Urban (3.3%) and rural (3.2%) prevalence rates were almost identical, debunking the notion that kidney ailments are confined to urban lifestyles. However, gender disparity stood out men (3.8%) were more likely than women (2.6%) to have kidney dysfunction, likely due to higher rates of smoking, alcohol consumption, and untreated hypertension.

When adjusted for age using WHO standards, the national prevalence stood at 2.7%, confirming kidney impairment as a significant yet silent public health concern. The survey also underscored the role of co-morbidities: individuals with both diabetes and hypertension had an alarming 8.1% prevalence, compared to just 1.2% among those without either condition. Those with diabetes (3.7%) or hypertension (2.8%) alone were also more vulnerable, showing a strong link between metabolic disorders and kidney dysfunction.

In the state-wise analysis of 30 states and union territories, Karnataka's 2.1% prevalence placed it 21st — below the national average but still within a moderate-risk band. The figure is significantly lower than in other southern states forming India's "renal-risk belt": Telangana (7.4%), Goa (7.4%), Kerala (6.1%), and Tamil Nadu (4.3%). On the other end, Bihar (0.8%) and Chandigarh (0.6%) showed the lowest prevalence, though experts caution these figures may reflect under-reporting rather than genuinely lower risk.

Karnataka's relatively better performance could indicate stronger preventive care and chronic disease management through its primary health networks. However, with an ageing population, rising diabetes rates, and worsening urban pollution, public health experts warn that kidney diseases could escalate silently without consistent surveillance and awareness efforts.

A new national health analysis reveals kidney disorders quietly spreading across India's states, demanding urgent screening, pollution checks, and lifestyle interventions to prevent a looming dialysis and transplant burden

The national data also reveal sharp regional contrasts. High-burden states such as Telangana, Goa, Odisha, Kerala, and West Bengal recorded prevalence between 5% and 7.4% — nearly double the national mean. The clustering of high prevalence in southern and eastern India suggests links to dietary habits, water contamination, and lifestyle diseases. This wide range — from 0.6% to 7.4% — underscores that kidney disease is highly uneven across India, demanding region-specific rather than uniform national strategies.

Experts urge Karnataka to use its current advantage to intensify screening and prevention. Targeting high-risk groups — such as diabetics, hypertensives, and the elderly — through door-to-door health drives and digital registries could bridge early detection gaps. Expanding renal screening at primary health centres, integrating kidney health into non-communicable disease programmes, and boosting public awareness about early symptoms can prevent thousands of cases from progressing to chronic kidney disease (CKD).

"The state also needs to improve diagnostic infrastructure, especially in rural districts, where many reach tertiary hospitals only after irreversible damage," said a senior nephrologist involved in the study. "Investing in water-quality surveillance, particularly in industrial and peri-urban belts, is crucial, since heavy-metal contamination has been linked to kidney ailments in several states."

The survey further revealed that individuals already aware of their hypertension or diabetes had much higher kidney impairment rates (8.2% and 8.1%, respectively) than those newly detected (3.4% and 3.9%). This highlights the cumulative damage of long-term uncontrolled disease and the need for early intervention.

While Karnataka fares better than many states, experts agree the broader trend is worrying. Kidney disease is emerging as a silent epidemic, intertwined with India's rising burden of diabetes, hypertension, and obesity. Health economists warn that without proactive prevention and early detection, the country could soon face an overwhelming demand for dialysis and transplants, straining public hospitals and insurance systems alike.

Forest department flags flaws in Nandi Hills ropeway project

The long-pending Nandi Hills ropeway project has hit yet another delay after the Central Forest Department raised objections over discrepancies in land ownership records. The proposed 0.86-hectare site in Nandi village shows conflicting details between land maps and official documents, prompting the Centre to withhold clearance until the issue is resolved. Though Karnataka's Forest Department and the Chikkaballapur DCF had earlier recommended approval, work remains on hold. The state had agreed to strict environmental safeguards, such as avoiding tree felling and using prefabricated structures. Contractors are reportedly ready to begin construction at the lower terminal point once approvals arrive. Ongoing discussions between state and central agencies aim to clear the dispute, as locals express growing frustration over the repeated delays. — BMB

Kaiga hosts national drill on nuclear safety

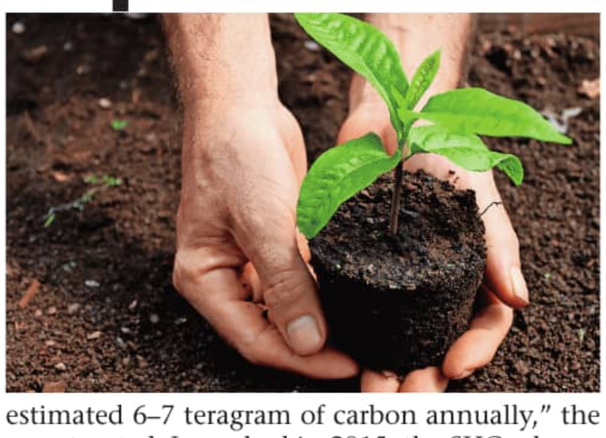
A high-level national workshop, Samaya Rekha 2025, was held at the Kaiga Nuclear Power Station to strengthen preparedness for natural and nuclear emergencies in the Western Ghats. Organised by the Disaster Management Authority, the event brought together experts from the Karnataka and Kerala Disaster Management Authorities, Tejas Disaster Management Centre, Centre for Disaster Preparedness, premier medical institutes, and the Karnataka Police Academy. Participants assessed the region's vulnerability to landslides, cloudbursts, and other calamities near Kadra and Kodasalli, while reviewing response strategies for radiation and medical crises. With Kaiga's 880 MW capacity and two upcoming 700 MW units, experts emphasised enhanced safety measures. The workshop concluded with Sagar Kavach mock drills, ahead of a full-scale nuclear simulation on Dec 11. — BMB

K'taka's soils show deep nutrient crisis, warns CSE report

Karnataka's soils are severely deficient in essential nutrients like nitrogen and organic carbon, according to the Soil Health Card (SHC) scheme under the Indian government's National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture. This has been reported by a new assessment study by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE).

Between 2023 and 2025, 4.8 lakh soil samples from Karnataka were tested. Of these, 62 percent had low nitrogen levels, while 46 percent showed lower organic carbon content. The study also revealed that over half of Karnataka's districts had more than 75 percent of samples testing "high" in organic carbon, highlighting imbalances in soil composition that could affect long-term productivity and ecosystem stability.

According to the CSE report Sustainable Food Systems: An Agenda for Climate-Risked Times, these findings have serious implications for the future of sustainable agriculture. "A critical function of a healthy soil is its capacity to store organic carbon, which makes it essential for climate change mitigation. Indian soils can sequester an



estimated 6–7 teragram of carbon annually," the report noted. Launched in 2015, the SHC scheme tests 12 chemical parameters to help farmers understand their soil nutrient profile. The cards provide tailored recommendations on fertiliser use and amendments to improve soil fertility and crop yields. Nationally, 1.3 crore soil samples were tested between 2023 and 2025, with 64 percent showing nitrogen deficiency and 48.5 percent low organic carbon, indicating widespread soil fatigue across diverse agro-climatic regions.

A new CSE study based on Soil Health Card data reveals widespread nitrogen and carbon deficiencies in Karnataka's soils, exposing policy gaps and highlighting the urgent need for biochar and organic interventions

Experts at the CSE Conclave pointed to other challenges beyond poor nutrient levels, such as limited monitoring parameters, inefficient fertiliser practices, and policy gaps. The study emphasised the potential of biochar — a carbon-rich product derived from the pyrolysis of biomass — to enhance soil fertility and moisture retention while acting as a carbon sink. However, India currently lacks standardised production protocols for biochar. Despite policies promoting organic farming, experts observed that the coverage under these initiatives remains limited, calling for stronger implementation, innovation, and region-specific soil health restoration strategies to ensure climate-resilient agriculture. — BMB

Forestry graduates protest rollback

Hundreds of students from Karnataka's three Colleges of Forestry — Ponnampet, Sirsi, and Irukka — protested at Bengaluru's Freedom Park on November 4, demanding that B.Sc. (Hons.) Forestry be made mandatory for recruitment to Assistant Conservator, Range, and Deputy Range Forest Officer posts. They said reducing the quota for forestry graduates from 75% to 50% under the 2018 rules would hurt job prospects and weaken scientific forestry education. Forest Minister Eshwar Khandre met the protestors, assuring that half the RFO posts would be filled through promotions and half through direct recruitment. He added that similar appeals were also made by zoology, botany, and veterinary students. Although the protest was called off in Bengaluru, students continued demonstrations outside their colleges in Sirsi, Ponnampet, and Irukka. — BMB

Drooping lines endanger wildlife in Bannerghatta

Forest survey uncovers widespread loose power lines posing silent peril to animals across the national park

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A ground survey by the Karnataka Forest Department, in collaboration with the Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited, has revealed that every 1.1-square-kilometre stretch of Bannerghatta National Park (BNP) contains at least one sagging power line.

While the total area of BNP is 260.51 square kilometres, as many as 231 locations with sagging power lines have been identified.

The survey was conducted between June and September this year, following the Karnataka High Court's order directing the State Forest Department to form area-wise investigating committees and map sagging power lines and illegal electrical fences across the State.

"Sagging power lines have been recorded at 231 locations in BNP alone. Other forest areas are also being surveyed as we speak. The final report will be ready by mid-November. We are also in touch with the electricity board and electricity supply companies to fix the loose power lines across Karnataka's forests," said a senior official of the Karnataka Forest Department.

An instruction from the Chief Wildlife Warden's office has been issued to all field units to check sagging lines and bring them to the notice of the concerned authorities, apart from the CWW.

"The Department is receiving updates on sagging lines from the field every day. Meetings with electricity supply companies are being held regularly, based on these updates. In light of the recent electrocution of two elephants in Belagavi, new instructions have again been issued to field officers in forest fringe areas with high animal movement. These areas are being checked on priority," said the KFD official.

231, an alarming number: Experts

Wildlife experts warn that 231 sagging power lines in BNP is alarming. "BNP's scrub forest makes pole sinking rare, so this number could be even higher in high-rainfall areas unless maintenance is exceptional," said Ramesh Belagere, wildlife researcher. Experts urge authorities to adopt stricter measures, including regular inspections by dedicated teams, to prevent elephant deaths from electrocution.

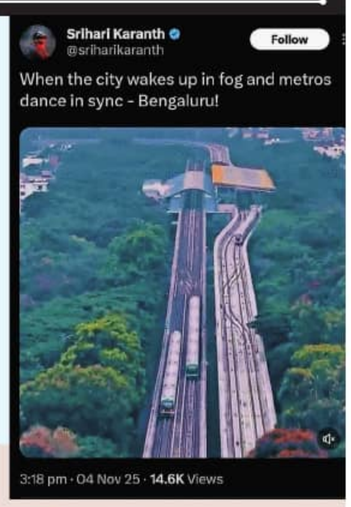
Experts warn that years of inaction demand a new approach. "Power companies must conduct regular forest inspections like forest officers do, or elephants will keep dying from electrocution," said a conservationist.

— Garima Prasher

SOCIALTATTLE

That went viral

A video posted on X by user @sriharikaranth, showing the yellow and green line metros moving in perfect sync amid Bengaluru's early morning fog, has gone viral. The clip beautifully captures the city waking up under a misty blanket, with the metros gliding in harmony against the fog-draped skyline.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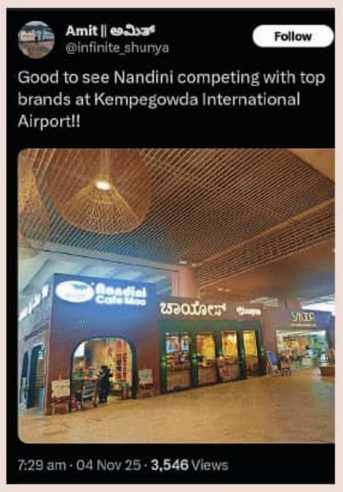
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A post shared on X by user @pradeep_c_k, highlighting that walkable footpaths are mostly limited to Bengaluru's Central Business District, has drawn attention online. The post questions when pedestrian-friendly infrastructure will be prioritized across all five city corporations, especially in major tech hubs like Electronic City, ITPL, and Manyata Tech Park, which lie outside the Outer Ring Road.

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A post shared on X by user @sachin_shenava tagging @BangaloreMirror pointed out that despite the deadline set for filling potholes being crossed, the road near Spice Garden, opposite Village Hypermarket in Marathahalli, continues to remain riddled with potholes. The user also mentioned that regular cleaning of the stretch has not been carried out, tagging civic authorities and local representatives to draw attention to the issue.

CRIME FILES

Cop suspended over bribe demand to release body

Bellandur Police Station Inspector Ramesh Rotty has been suspended after allegations emerged that he demanded a bribe from a grieving father to release his daughter's body. Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh ordered the suspension on the grounds of dereliction of duty, following a detailed inquiry by senior officers.

Shivakumar, a retired BPCL official, accused the inspector and other staff of demanding money for the post-mortem, ambulance service, and issuance of the Unnatural Death Report (UDR) certificate. He alleged that even when his daughter was in critical condition, officials insisted on payments and failed to respond with basic courtesy.

A few days earlier, the victim's social media post had gone viral, prompting swift departmental action. Whitefield DCP K Parashuram had already suspended Bellandur Police Sub-Inspector Santosh and Constable Gorakhnath, with a detailed inquiry still in progress. **BMB**

Drug crackdown: 4 arrested in 3 raids

The Malleswaram Police have arrested four men in three separate operations conducted between October 27 and 31. Officers seized over 4 kg of ganja and 1.25 kg of weed oil, collectively valued at nearly ₹19.70 lakh.

In the first operation on October 27, police acted on a tip-off that two men were selling ganja on the railway bridge steps within the station limits. Two days later, police arrested a student from another state near the Jataka Stand on RP Road for peddling ganja and weed oil (hashish). He allegedly turned to drug selling to pay his college fees. In the third operation on October 31, officers intercepted another peddler on the railway bridge steps and seized 3 kg 75 grams of ganja and ₹1,100 in cash, worth ₹3.1 lakh. **BMB**

INBRIEF

Lokayukta on the hunt for corrupt officials

The Karnataka Lokayukta Police have intensified their surveillance of the functioning of every state government department, strengthening their drive against corruption. To ensure close monitoring, the Lokayukta has now deployed Deputy Superintendent of Police (DySP)-rank officers under the supervision of Superintendents of Police (SPs) across departments to detect and expose corrupt officials. These officers have been tasked with gathering information on alleged scams, irregularities, and instances of disproportionate assets among officials.

An official said teams will gather detailed data on departmental projects and activities. If corruption or irregularities are found, they will collect evidence and file suo motu complaints. The Lokayukta will also investigate officers with suspected unexplained assets. **BMB**

Major ₹1,241-crore repair drive to fix city roads

The Urban Development Department has approved an action plan worth ₹1,241.57 crore for resurfacing main and sub-main roads across five city municipal limits under the jurisdiction of the Greater Bengaluru Authority (GBA). Roads not already covered under ongoing white-topping, high-density corridors, or similar projects will be included after re-verification and submission for final approval within the sanctioned limit. Municipal commissioners have been instructed to submit revised proposals on a constituency-wise basis. In a separate move, the department has also conditionally approved another ₹900 crore action plan for upgrading and maintaining ward-level roads, drainage systems, and essential civic infrastructure within the same municipal areas. Each package must be valued at more than ₹10 crore and implemented through e-tendering, ensuring long-term asset creation and high-quality public infrastructure. The works are to be executed only after obtaining financial and administrative approvals, with oversight from the respective commissioners and the Urban Development Minister. **BMB**

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Surge in 2023 led to corrective measures, say officials

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This translates to only a 0.87% decline in accidents, while fatalities marginally increased by 0.56% and injuries rose by 0.08%.

However, when comparing pothole-related figures to total accidents, a positive trend emerges — pothole-related cases dropped from 0.54% of total accidents in 2023 to just 0.21% in 2024, and pothole-related deaths fell from 0.55% to 0.19% of all accident fatalities.

4-year trend

A closer look at the data over the last four years shows fluctuating trends. In 2021, the state reported 67 pothole accidents, 16 deaths, and 78 injuries, which fell to 55 accidents, 19 deaths, and 56 injuries in 2022. However, in 2023, the numbers suddenly shot up to 237 accidents and 68 deaths, the highest in recent years. By 2024, the situation improved considerably, with figures dropping back to 93 accidents, 24 deaths, and 118 injuries.

Officials say the 2023 surge was due to intense monsoon damage, delayed road repairs, and increased urban traffic, particularly in Bengaluru and Mysuru. The subsequent year saw corrective measures, stricter monitoring of contractors, and special pothole patrols to mitigate risks.

Transport analysts and road safety experts view this reduction as a result of improved civic vigilance and quicker response mechanisms. Yet, they warn against complacency, noting that while pothole deaths have decreased, overall road safety remains a pressing concern.

"Potholes are only one part of the larger road safety problem. Speeding, poor lighting, and lack of lane discipline continue to cause thousands of deaths each year," a senior transport officer observed.

"While Karnataka's data shows encouraging progress in reducing pothole-related casualties, the consistent rise in total fatalities highlights the need for comprehensive safety reforms — from better road engineering and signage to stricter enforcement of traffic laws. Sustained investment in road infrastructure and digital monitoring can ensure that the decline in pothole accidents is not temporary, but a lasting indicator of safer roads," said Ramesh Kumar, an activist.

Buses take detour to escape inspections

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Arunachal pradesh and Kerala were routinely bypassing designated entry points where tax verification is carried out. Instead, operators were using interior roads, village routes, and isolated outskirts to avoid scrutiny. Officials did not deny such incidents.

From October 24 to to October 30, inspections were conducted by around 12 teams in the south zone under the leadership of Additional Transport Commissioner near Attibele and Devanahalli. Special operations were conducted to check for passenger safety features such as emergency exit system, fire extinguisher, first aid kit and unauthorised goods carried in passenger vehicles. Cases have been registered against over 380 private buses for non-payment of tax and violation of the road rules. About 63 vehicles have been seized in this regard.

During the checks near Attibele, officials seized 12 vehicles over tax evasion. Of these, five operators paid the fines and cleared the violations, while the remaining owners have decided to challenge the action in court. As per High Courts in Tamil Nadu and Kerala, their transport departments must take strict action against vehicle owners who intentionally evade taxes in their respective states. "Our teams are already working on this," an official said.

An official told BM that several operators assured them that they would clear the dues soon. However, the Transport Department records revealed a pattern of repeated non-payment. Each bus had pending all-India permit fees of at least 1.5 lakh, and many were found operating on routes that did not align with their registered permit category. Officials also noted that while private bus owners had paid taxes in their home states, they were running commercial services in Karnataka without paying the mandatory Karnataka State Road Tax.

"Interstate bus operators often avoid entering Bengaluru city limits. Many drop passengers on the outskirts, where Karnataka-based vehicles are arranged to take them to their final destinations. In some cases, passengers are simply told to get down on the outskirts and switch to another vehicle. Since these buses do not actually enter the state's taxable routes, they technically do not violate the rules; tax becomes applicable only when they enter Karnataka without payment. However, there are other operators who deliberately use alternative routes to slip past checkpoints and evade taxes," explained Naazir Ahmed, a senior official RTO department south wing

An official explained that before 2017, every state collected its own transport tax separately. "Back then, truck and lorry operators argued that paying taxes in every state was burdensome. They demanded a 'one nation, one tax' system, which led to the introduction of the all-India permit. This framework was later extended to private interstate buses and tourist vehicles as well," Naazir said. He explained that some states levy significantly lower fees for registering vehicles under the all-India tourist permit. In Karnataka, operators are required to pay a higher amount depending on the type of bus, while in states like Maharashtra, the fee can be as low as ₹20,000.

He said, "If we consider the thousands of unemployed youth, who are entering the bus business with only one or two vehicles, the current system is very difficult for them. When they operate across states, they are expected to pay hefty taxes in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and other parts of India. This becomes a burden, not just on the operators but because of the ongoing tussle between the Union and state governments."

Bus owners already have major expenses: fuel, maintenance, tolls and on top of that, they must handle these heavy taxes. "If we want a more passenger-friendly and efficient public transport system, or if we want to encourage more buses on the road, then we need to think seriously about reforming the taxation structure."

He said that as Bengaluru is a major metropolitan city, lakhs of people are travelling in and out every day. "But since the matter is currently pending before the court, the government cannot intervene at this stage. We simply have to follow the order," he said.

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PROCLAMATION REQUIRING THE APPEARANCE OF A PERSON ACCUSED.

1. Name description and address of the accused.
2. Name of the Accused.

WHEREAS, complaint has been made before me that **Ningombam Somen Singh,** aged about 57 years, S/o Ningombam Manao Singh, resident of Khongjom Sapam Maning Leikai, P.S. Khongjom, Thoubal District, Manipur at present 96- Chikkasandra Village. Yeshwanthapur Hobli, bangaluru, North Taluk, Pin-560090, has committed the offence of cheating and mischief, punishable under section 420 &427 of the Indian Penal Code, and it has been returned to a Warrant of arrest thereupon issued that Ningombam Somen Singh that the above accused cannot be found and whereas it has been shown to my satisfaction that the said accused person has absconded/or is concealing himself to avoid the service of the said Warrant.

Proclamation is hereby made that the said accused person is required to appear at 10:30 a.m. before this Court to answer the said complaint on the 25th day of November, 2025.

Dated/Imphal, this the 20th day of October, 2025.

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Chief Judicial Magistrate Imphal East

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I, Altaf Pasha R/O No. 27, 2nd Cross, P&T Colony, Bengaluru-45 have changed my name to Altaf Pasha Hayath for all purposes.

I, SAM VASANTH ROOSEVELT CHELLAIAH, S/o. Roosevelt Chellaiah, Residing at No.436/A, S.S. Nivas, 13th A Main, Mico Layout, Hongasandra, Begur Road, Bengaluru-560068, declare that SAM VASANTH ROOSEVELT CHELLAIAH and SAMVASANTH R, Both the names are belongs to one and the same person i.e., myself only. Vide Affidavit Dated: 03.11.2025 before notary JAIN SWARNAMALA, Bengaluru.

I, Shabreen Shariff W/o K Syed Umer Ahmed Ro No-9,2nd Cross JJR Nagar Goripalya B'lore-560018 have changed my name to Shabreen Saleem.

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I, Vinod Ramesh S/o Ramesh R/o No. 14, Near Muthu Nilyam Gullappa Road 3rd Cross, KSFC Layout, Ramaswamy Palya, MS Nagar, B'luru-560033 have changed my name to Vinodh Ramesh

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I, ABHISHEK SRIRAMA REDDY alias ABHISHEK SRIRAM REDDY residing at No 123, Near Police Station, Bannerghatta, Bengaluru Rural – 560083. I have changed my name to ABHISHEK SRIRAM. Vide affidavit dated 04/11/2025 sworn before notary.S N MADHU Bangalore.

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I, Aruna Thammegowda W/o Byregowda Thammegowda R/o No 1, Doddakoliga, Begur, Hosakote Taluk,Bengaluru Rural 562122 have changed my name to Aruna for all purposes.

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I, Siddarath P , son of Praveen Kumar, residing at 1380/D/9 6th Cross Ashok Nagar B.S.K 1st Stage Bengaluru 560050 , hereby declare that I have changed my name to Siddarath P. Jain, affidavit dated 30-10-2025 sworn before notary MAMTHA N K, Bengaluru

I, INDIRA d/o VALLIAPPAN residing at # 181, 4th Cross, Near Ramanjaneya Layout, Chikkallasandra, Bengaluru – 560061. I have changed my name to INDIRA V. Vide affidavit dated 29/10/2025 sworn before notary. S R Ravikumar Bangalore.

I, Ajit Holikatti S/O, Shivashankar R/o Flat No A1,1st Floor, Sway Triveni Apartment 6th A Main Road, Iehcs Layout, Beside Sai Nivas Apartment, Vidyaranyapura Bengaluru 560097. have changed my name to Ajit Shivashankar Holikatti for all purposes.

I, LAKSHMI GURUBHIMRAO KULKARNI, Residing at No.3037, Roshan Gardenia, 36th Main, Poornapragna Nagar, Bengaluru – 560061, have changed my name to LAKSHMI KULKARNI, vide affidavit dated 11/10/2025, sworn before notary Venkataraju H G, Bangalore.

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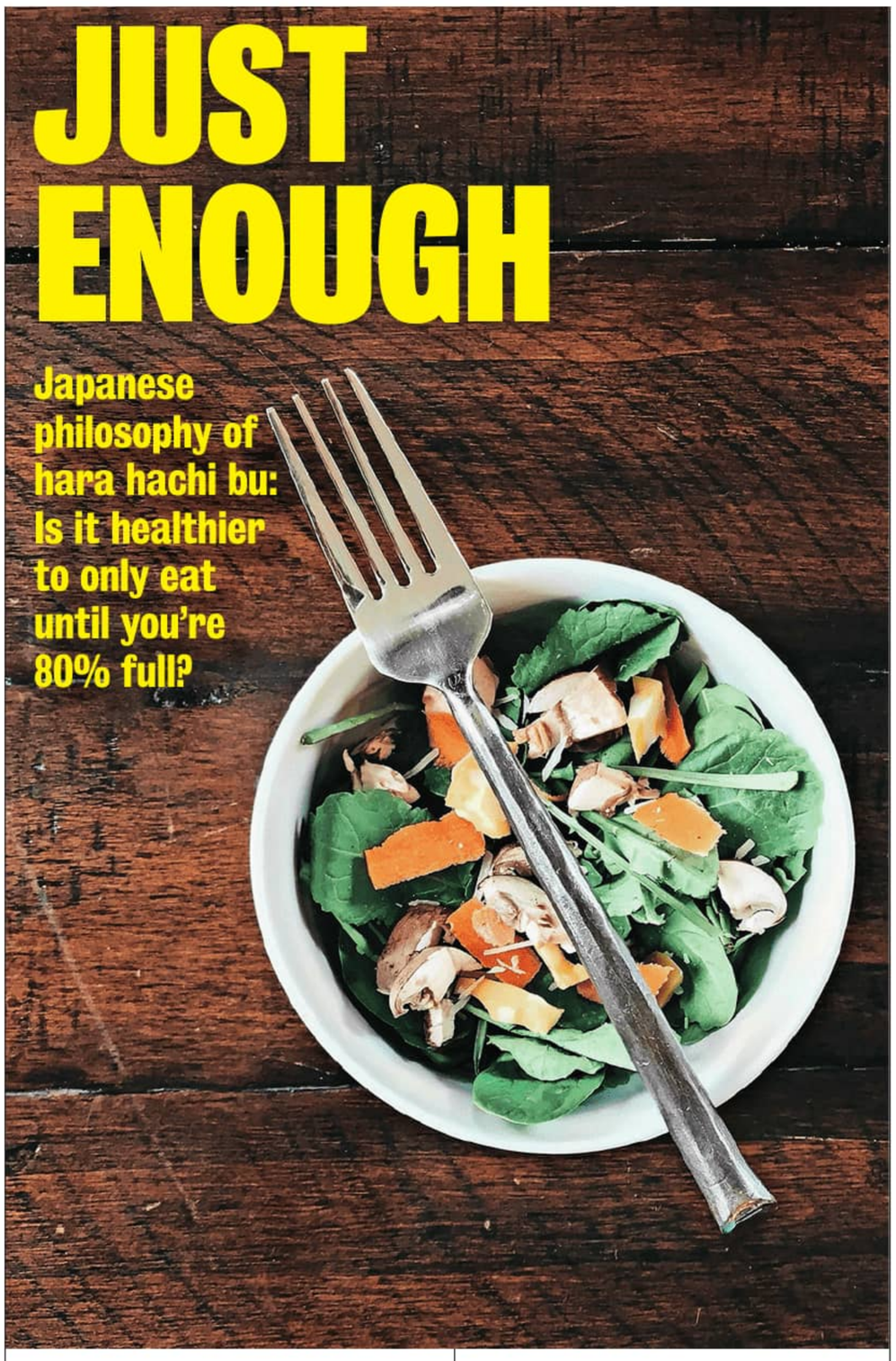
JUST ENOUGH

Japanese philosophy of hara hachi bu: Is it healthier to only eat until you're 80% full?



Some of the world's healthiest and longest-living people follow the practice of "hara hachi bu" — an eating philosophy rooted in moderation. This practice comes from a Japanese Confucian teaching which instructs people to only eat until they're around 80 per cent full.

More recently, it's been gaining attention as a strategy for weight loss. But while hara hachi bu might emphasise eating in moderation and stopping before you're full, it shouldn't really be seen as a method of dietary restriction. Rather, it represents a way of eating that can help us learn to have awareness and gratitude while slowing down at mealtimes.

Research on hara hachi bu is limited. Previous studies have evaluated the overall dietary patterns of those living in regions where this eating philosophy is more commonplace, not the "80 per cent rule" in isolation.

However, the available evidence does suggest hara hachi bu can reduce total daily calorie intake. It's also associated with lower long-term weight gain and lower average body mass index (BMI). The practice also aligns with healthier meal-pattern choices in men, with participants choosing to eat more vegetables at mealtimes and fewer grains when following hara hachi bu.

Hara hachi bu also shares many similar principles with the concepts of mindful eating or intuitive eating. These non-diet, awareness-based approaches encourage a stronger connection with internal hunger and satiety cues. Research shows both approaches can also help reduce emotional eating and enhance overall diet quality.

Hara hachi bu may also have many advantages that go beyond losing weight.

For instance, hara hachi bu's focus on awareness and eating intuitively may offer a gentle and sustainable way of supporting long-term health changes. Sustainable health changes are far easier to maintain in the long-term. This may improve health and prevent weight regain, which can be a risk for those who lose weight through traditional diet approaches.

The ethos of hara hachi bu also makes perfect sense in the context of modern life and may help us develop a better relationship with the food we eat.

Evidence suggests that around 70 per cent of adults and children use digital devices while eating. This behaviour has been linked to higher calorie intake, lower fruit and vegetable intake and a greater incidence of disordered eating behaviours including restriction, binge eating and overeating.

As a dietitian, I see it all the time. We put food on a pedestal, obsess over it, talk about it, post about it – but so often, we don't actually enjoy it. We've lost that sense of connection and appreciation.

Being more aware of the food we eat and taking time to taste, enjoy and truly experience it as hara hachi bu emphasises, can allow us to reconnect with our bodies, support digestion and make more nourishing food choices.

Trying 'hara hachi bu'

For those who might want to give "hara hachi bu" or taking a more mindful and intuitive approach to improve their relationship with food, here are a few tips to try:

1 Check in with your body before eating

Ask yourself: Am I truly hungry? And if so, what kind of hunger is it — physical, emotional, or just habitual? If you're physically hungry, denying yourself may only lead to stronger cravings or overeating later. But if you're feeling bored, tired, or stressed, take a moment to pause. Giving yourself space to reflect can help prevent food from becoming a default coping mechanism.

2 Eat without distractions

Step away from screens and give your meal your full attention. Screens often serve as a distraction from our fullness cues, which can contribute to overeating.

3 Slow down and savour each bite

Eating should be a sensory and satisfying experience. Slowing down allows us to know when we're satiated and should stop eating.

4 Aim to feel comfortably full, not stuffed

If we think of being hungry as a one and being so full you need to lie down as a ten, then eating until you're around "80 per cent full" means you should feel comfortably satisfied rather than stuffed. Eating slowly and being attuned to your body's signals will help you achieve this.

5 Share meals when you can

Connection and conversation are part of what makes food meaningful. Connection at meal times is uniquely human and a key to longevity.

6 Aim for nourishment

Ensure your meals are rich in vitamins, minerals, fibre and energy.

7 Practice self-compassion

There's no need to eat "perfectly". The point of hara hachi bu is about being aware of your body – not about feeling guilty over what you're eating.

(By Aisling Pigott, Cardiff Metropolitan University, The Conversation)

MIRRORLIGHTS

IISc team comes up with coating that can stick to leaves

Water droplets can slide down or bounce off a leaf's surface because it has a waxy hydrophobic (water-repellent) coating. However, this poses a challenge to farmers when pesticides are sprayed, as the droplets can bounce off plants without sticking to them, and contaminate soil and water.

"Around 50% of the pesticides are wasted this way," says Rutvik Lathia, former PhD student at the Centre for Nano Science and Engineering (CeNSE), IISc, and currently a postdoc at the Max Planck Institute for Polymer Research.

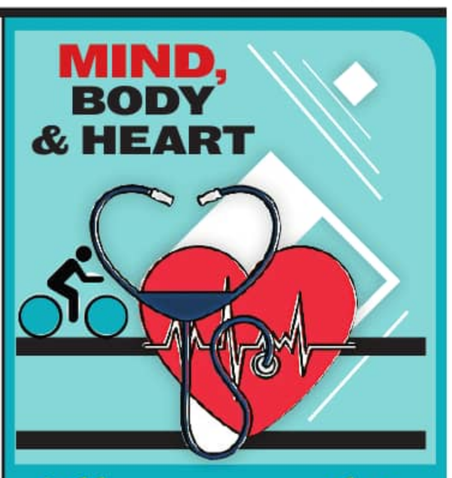
Rutvik is part of a team led by Prosenjit Sen, Associate Professor at CeNSE, which has come up with an ingenious way to tackle this problem. The new approach uses Liquid Marbles (LMs) and is a safer alternative to using surfactants, polymers, and oils, which are harmful to the environment, to increase wettability.

LMs are droplets protected by a coating of hydrophobic particles, and were originally used as miniature vessels for certain chemical and biochemical reactions. The hydrophobic coating protects the tiny volume of liquid inside from external surfaces and air, preventing contamination. However, the IISc team recognised the potential of LMs for droplet deposition because of a previous project that involved droplet impact on superhydrophobic surfaces. They had noticed that the LMs did not bounce off as much as the bare droplets did. This led them to the idea that these LMs could be used for spray or droplet deposition.

To prepare the LMs, the researchers designed a bed of the required hydrophobic particles and allowed water droplets to roll over them freely. To create a hydrophobic surface, the team initially applied a coating of Teflon and PDMS (polydimethylsiloxane) compounds known for their hydrophobicity and chemical resistance – over a glass and silicon substrate. However, plant surfaces are also flexible in nature. To mimic this, the team fabricated cantilevers using stainless steel of different lengths. A coating of Teflon was then applied to make the surface hydrophobic.

Another challenge was choosing the right hydrophobic particles for the LMs. "The ones used typically in labs have a coating of hydrophobic glass beads and Teflon. But that is very harmful to the plants," says Lathia. The team, therefore, explored alternative particles that are biodegradable and organic, such as lycopodium and zein. Zein is a protein found in corn, known for its insolubility in water and film-forming properties. LMs made with these materials were found to be more efficient than glass bead-based ones.

—BMB



All you need to know about...

Beverage without sugar

1. Cinnamon Tea
Cinnamon tea is a naturally sweet and aromatic drink that can satisfy your cravings without added sugar. The spice brings a warm, comforting flavor while helping regulate blood sugar levels. Simply steep a cinnamon stick or a teaspoon of ground cinnamon in hot water for a few minutes.

2. Golden Turmeric Latte
A golden turmeric latte, also known as "haldi doodh," is a traditional Indian drink that's both soothing and nourishing. Made with warm milk (dairy or plant-based), turmeric and a hint of black pepper, it offers a subtle sweetness that doesn't need sugar.

3. Herbal Chamomile Tea
It is one of the best caffeine-free warm drinks to enjoy when you want to relax without worrying about sugar. Its mild, floral taste makes it naturally pleasant, so there's no need for sweeteners. Chamomile is known for its calming properties that help reduce stress and promote better sleep.

4. Ginger Lemon Tea
Ginger lemon tea is both refreshing and revitalizing, perfect for mornings or after meals. The zesty lemon and spicy ginger blend beautifully to create a naturally tangy flavour that doesn't require added sugar. It's great for digestion, immunity and clearing out toxins.

5. Matcha Green Tea
Matcha green tea offers a smooth, earthy taste with a subtle sweetness that feels indulgent but healthy. It's made from finely ground green tea leaves, so you get more antioxidants and nutrients in every sip.

6. Hot Cocoa With Dark Chocolate
If you crave something chocolatey but want to avoid sugary mixes, try homemade hot cocoa made with unsweetened dark chocolate or pure cocoa powder.

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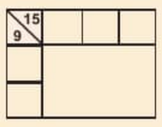
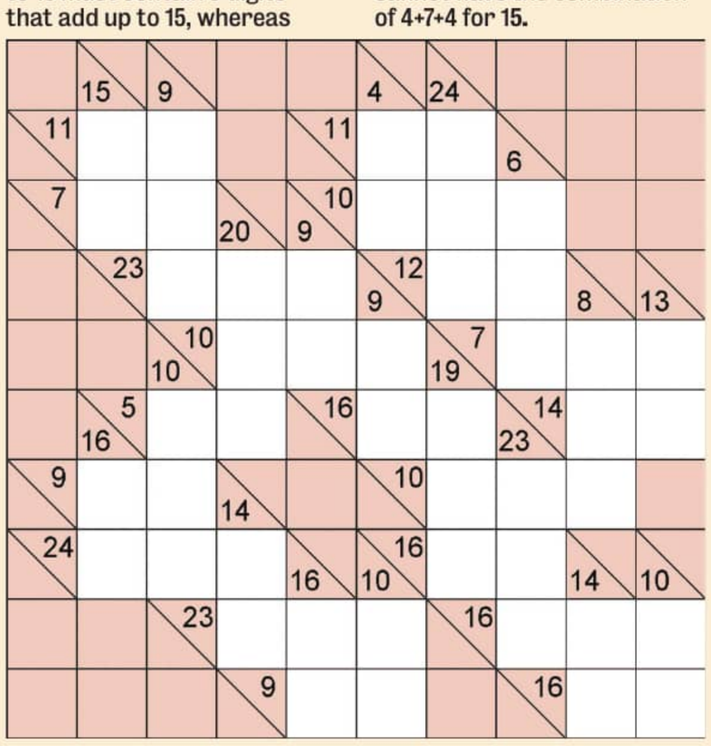
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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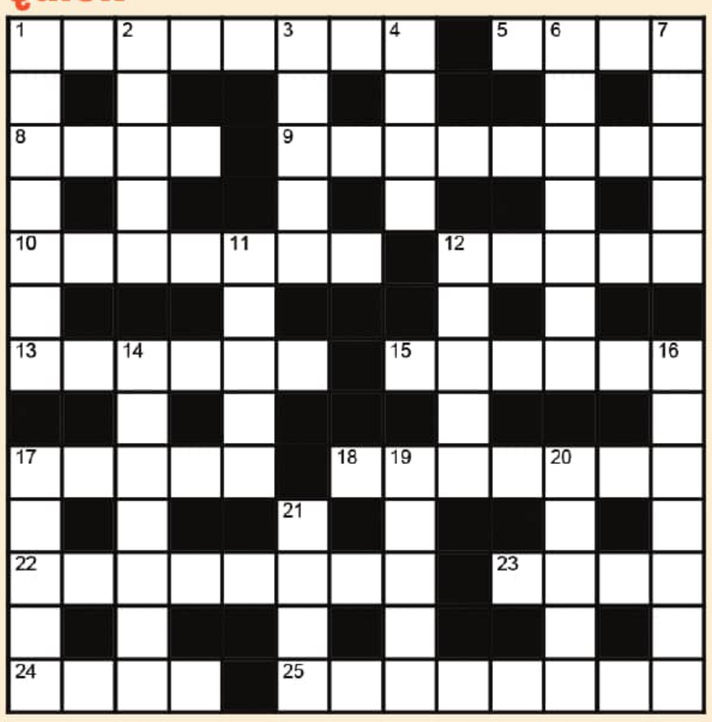


ACROSS

1 This run completes your half century? (8)
5 Prepare by infusion (4)
8 Not dense? (4)
9 Washing the throat and mouth with a liquid (8)
10 ___ out : removing wrinkles or smoothening (7)
12 Composition for nine performers (5)
13 ___ in : intruded or interfered? (6)
15 Trudge through mud, etc., eat greedily (6)
17 Changes position (5)
18 Capital of Tamil Nadu (7)
22 Karnataka Rajyotsava is celebrated on the 1st of ____ (8)
23 Junkie (4)
24 Church part (4)
25 Deadpool star Ryan ___ (8)

DOWN

1 Restore to freshness of appearance (7)
2 Do without; refrain from (5)
3 Type of marbles–"Ingle" anagram? (5)
4 Stringed instrument (4)
6 Ruled (7)
7 British island? (5)
11 Agenda details (5)
12 Our (French) (5)
14 Refreshes or recovers (7)
16 Political refugees (7)
17 High-IQ society (5)
19 Not easily fatigued (5)
20 Of the nose (5)
21 Ski lift–"brat" anagram ? (1-3)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: G EQUALS P

E DFERA GYLGBY JLR'D GBVZY V FENF YRLXNF QVBXY LR FLT PXZF DFYO VHY RXHDXHYJ MO JLERN TFVDYQYH ED EI DFVD DLDVBBO VMILHMI DFYP.

Linemaro

I heard you're good in algebra, can you replace my X without asking Y

Mindchow

The reasonable man adapts himself to the world; the unreasonable man persists in trying to adapt the world to himself. Therefore, all progress depends on the unreasonable man

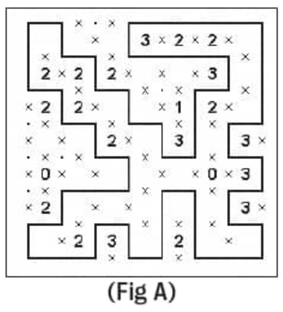
Joke of the day

Many people don't realise that playing dead can help not only with bears, but also at important business meetings

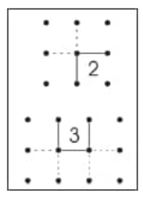
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

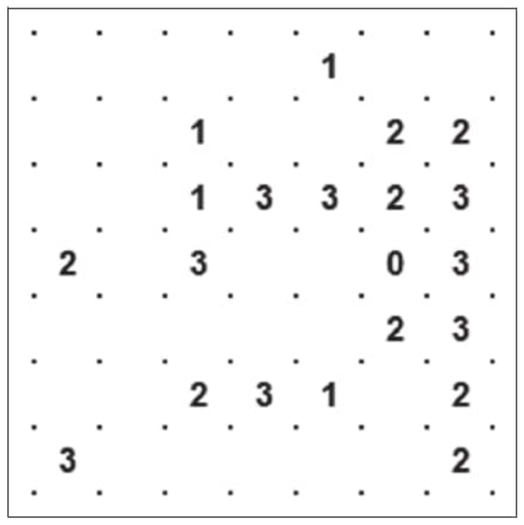


(Fig B) Not Allowed

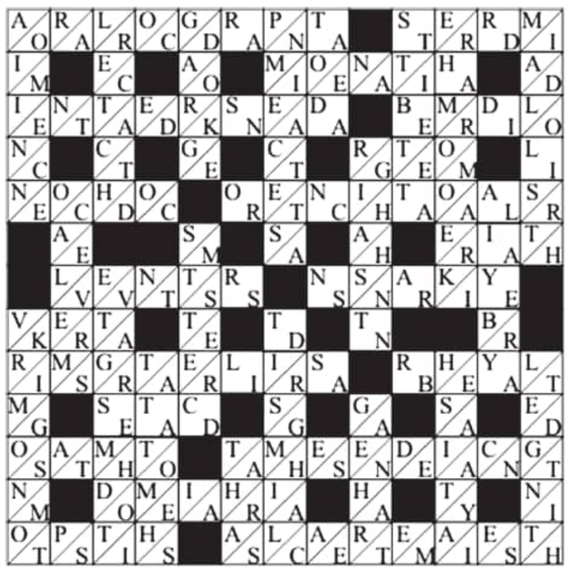
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



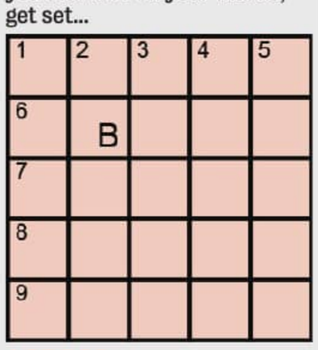
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 To cap; 6 Us a be; 7 Err go; 8 Lou me; 9 Dribs

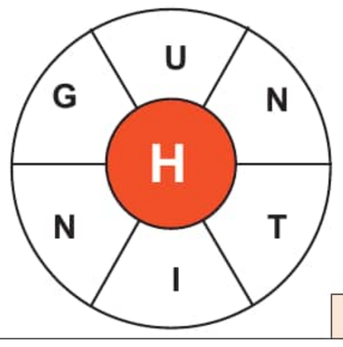
DOWN

1 Cobra; 2 I Lobo; 3 Argue; 4 Dupes; 5 Mr Set

Mensapuzzle

Which letter completes the third circle?

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

07 Average; **08** Good; **10** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

5	2			9			6	4
			3	4	6			
1								9
	6		7	3	8		5	
	7		1	6	4		3	
9								7
			4	2	5			
3	1			8			4	6

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy

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6 8 8 8

Medium

= 10

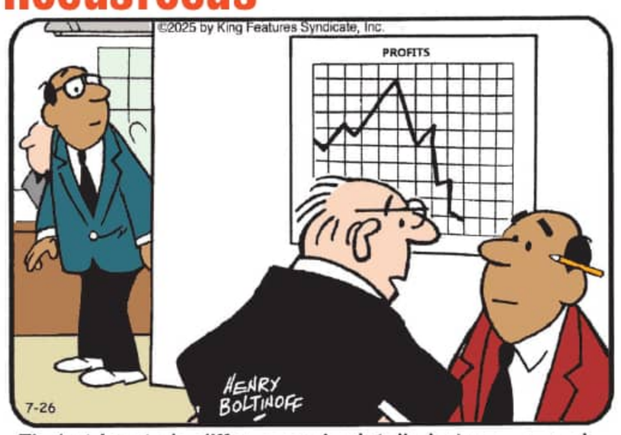
1 1 3 8

Hard

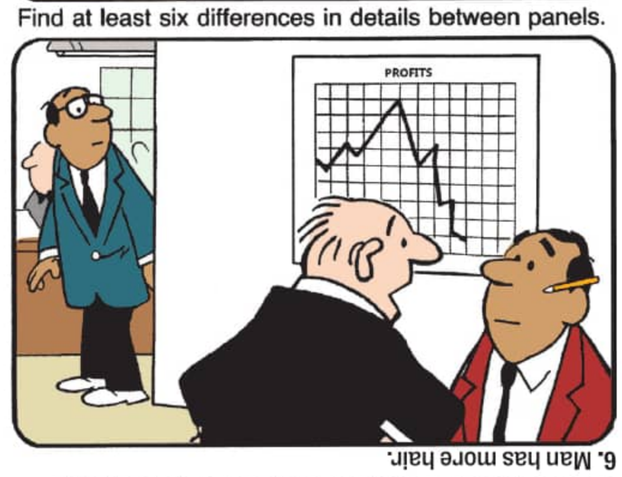
= 13

2 2 5 8

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



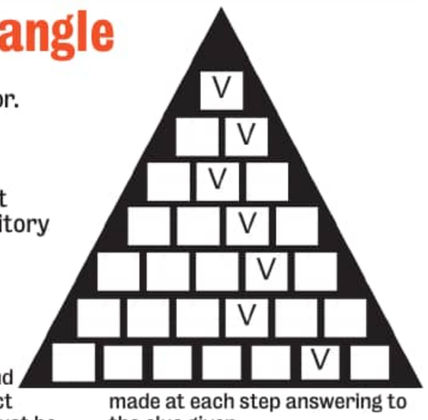
Differences: 1. Glasses are missing. 2. Jacket is longer. 3. Pen is moved. 4. Mouth is different. 5. Tie is thinner. 6. Man has more hair.

Riddler

If you like pretty gems that sparkle and shine, I invite you to dig in my virtual mine. My first is purple, fit for a king, My second is green where Dorothy did her thing. My third is red, July's birthstone as well, My fourth is seen in strings and is found inside a shell. My fifth is hard, pure Carbon and expensive to buy, My sixth is Crocidolite, striped like the big cat's eye. Seventh is two words, a man-made fake of April's stone, Eighth is very dark and found at Lightning Ridge alone. Now take from each gem, one letter in its turn, And you will find the stuff for which even the gods yearn.

Alpha triangle

1 Volt
2 Audio-visual, abbr.
3 Hail to Caesar
4 Launder
5 Time off
6 Fermenting agent
7 An enclosed territory



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Popeye

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft

Mutts

WRITTEN IN THE STARS

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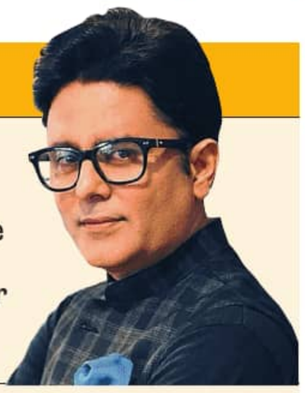

If it's your birthday today

Family life flourishes with significant, celebratory milestones and a fresh, happy start together. Career success arrives through powerful, collaborative projects and strong teamwork. Finances improve enough to allow for a much-needed indulgence or large purchase. Love will find you seeking a deeper intellectual and spiritual connection.

Aries Mar 21–Apr 20

Take full responsibility for your choices and expect accountability from others. Set firm boundaries, express your needs clearly, and embrace discomfort; it's the foundation of your growth and emotional maturity.

Taurus Apr 21–May 20

Your career unfolds perfectly; trust the timing. Stay consistent, avoid distractions, and remain patient. You're closer to success than you think. Unexpected travel or opportunities may pleasantly accelerate your progress.

Gemini May 21–Jun 21

Evaluate your social circle honestly. Surround yourself with people who inspire and uplift you. Release connections that drain your energy; your growth thrives when you align with supportive, like-minded souls.

Cancer Jun 22–July 23

You've prepared well; now act with confidence. Step into the spotlight and take initiative. New opportunities await, bringing professional advancement and fulfilment. Believe in your abilities and let momentum guide you forward.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23

Reconnect with your passions and stop settling for less. Pursue what truly excites your heart, even if it's di cult. Courageously choosing purpose over comfort brings you authentic happiness and renewal.

Virgo Aug 24–Sep 23

Ambition drives you forward; channel it wisely. Pursue goals steadily without burnout. In love, vulnerability brings depth; let passion unfold naturally and express emotions without fear of future outcomes.

Libra Sep 24–Oct 22

Be truthful with yourself and others about your emotions. Express how you feel openly; genuine honesty strengthens connection far more than restraint. Vulnerability now builds deeper harmony and lasting understanding.

Scorpio Oct 23–Nov 22

Release blame and communicate authentically. Share your perspective calmly, focusing on clarity instead of control. Open, respectful dialogue transforms tension into stronger emotional and relational understanding.

Sagittarius Nov 23–Dec 22

Your story is one of strength, not failure. Embrace resilience and learn from challenges—they're shaping your victory. Trust your inner fire; perseverance ensures you rise higher than before.

Capricorn Dec 23–Jan 20

Align with life's natural flow and lunar cycles. Reflect, release, and set intentions for transformation. The universesupports renewal; embracing rhythm and change brings spiritual clarity and personal growth.

Aquarius Jan 21–Feb 19

Avoid assumptions and approach conversations with openness. Address unresolved matters honestly. Accountability and clear communication may feel uneasy but ultimately strengthen trust and mutual respect in your relationships.

Pisces Feb 20–Mar 20

Shift from reflection to inspired action. Serve others through compassion and generosity. Supporting meaningful causes enhances your purpose and reminds you how powerful kindness can be in transforming lives.

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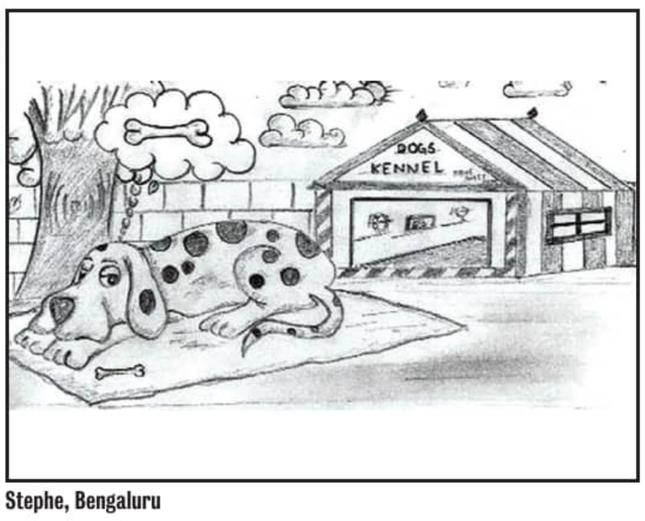

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M

5^[7/9 - (5/9) - 2/9]
5^ (0) = 1

RIDDLER The gems are Amethyst, Emerald (Emerald city - Wizard of OZ), Ruby, Pearl (From inside oyster shell), Diamond, Tiger's eye, Cubic Zirconia (Fake diamond), Black Opal, Taking the first letter of Amethyst, second of Emerald etcetera gives Ambrosia - The food of the gods.

BULL'S EYE

hint, hung, hunt, HUNTING, nigh, night, ninth, thin, thing, thug

FAST FIVE

C	O	A	P	T
A	B	U	S	E
R	O	G	E	R
O	L	E	U	M
B	I	R	D	S

STRIKE OUT

A	R	R	O	G	A	N	T	■	T	E	R	M	■	■
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QUICK

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ALPHA TRIANGLE

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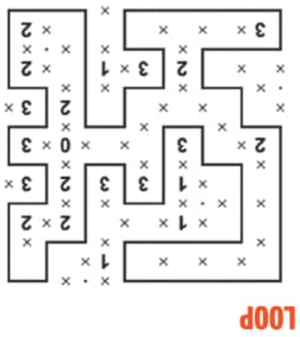

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Get a good look

Rashmika finally gives clear glimpse of her engagement ring

Rashmika Mandanna and Vijay Deverakonda's engagement has officially set social media buzzing! Ever since the 'Arjun Reddy' actor's team confirmed the happy news on October 4, fans haven't stopped talking about the much-loved duo.

Though the couple hasn't shared any official pictures or made a grand announcement yet, excitement around their upcoming wedding is already sky-high. And now, giving fans one more reason to gush, Rashmika has finally given a clear glimpse of her engagement ring, and her adorable blush says it all!

The 'Pushpa' actress recently appeared on Jagapathi Babu's Zee5 talk show 'Jayammu Nischayammu Raa' to promote her upcoming film 'The Girlfriend'. Dressed in a printed suit, she greeted the audience with her signature Korean hearts, but it was her sparkling engagement ring that caught everyone's attention.

During the chat, host Jagapathi Babu playfully teased the 'Animal' actress about the number of "Vijays" in her life. He joked, "Vijay Deverakonda, friendship. Vijay Sethupathi, fan. And Thalapathy Vijay, all time fan. So you've owned vijayam (success) and Vijay, I guess." His witty remark made Rashmika burst into laughter, and she even cheekily winked at the audience in response.

When Jagapathi Babu showed her a childhood picture, Rashmika mentioned that it was taken in Chennai. He quickly quipped again, "So you were a fan of Vijay then too," leaving everyone laughing.

As their conversation continued, Jagapathi Babu noticed the rings on Rashmika's fingers, including the prominent engagement ring. He curiously asked, "So are these rings sentimental or…?" To this, Rashmika smiled and said, "They're very important rings."

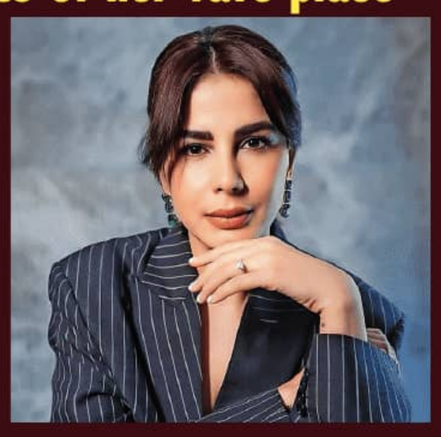
The host then added, "I'm sure one of those rings is your favourite and there's a history behind it." The actress could not help but blush as the audience began cheering. In her usual cheerful tone, she replied, "I am enjoying it."

—ETimes

Kirti's shares snapshots of her fave place

Actress Kirti Kulhari has shared a series of pictures from her recent trip to McLeod Ganj in Dharamshala, describing it as one of her favourite places in India.

Kirti took to Instagram, where she shared a string of pictures posing with friends at various locations in the "Little Lhasa". "#dharamshala #mclodganj #dharamkot #himachal One of my favorite places in #india. It has my heart and soul. Once again I realised it …Till I see u again .." She thanked her friends for the adventure. Kirti added: "@imitrayan @kaliabhi @the.5thelement @motorcycle_tales Thank you for joining me on this adventure and making it wholesome with all the love and warmth u people carry in ur hearts..To many more."



Talking about work, Kirti's latest work 'Full plate' opened the Indian Film Festival of Sydney last month in October.

Following its successful world premiere at the Busan International Film Festival, "Full Plate," directed by Tannishtha Chatterjee, is set to open the Indian Film Festival of Sydney on October 9. The film, which earned widespread appreciation during its premiere at Busan International Film Festival last month, features Kirti as a homemaker-turned-cook who challenges traditions, patriarchy, and social stereotypes through her culinary journey. —IANS

Hollywood actor Jonathan Bailey has been named People Magazine's 'Sexiest Man Alive for 2025,' an honour he described as both flattering and "absolutely absurd." Bailey's name was announced on 'The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon' on Monday.

Speaking on the show, the British actor recalled first hearing about his newfound title at the beginning of 2025 when he was a part of a production of Shakespeare's 'Richard II'. "The only thing madder than doing 'Richard II' was to be invited into this. And also in 2025, I'm sort of thrilled that People Magazine has invited someone in to bestow this honour on someone who can really cherish the value of a sexy man," Bailey said, as quoted by Variety.

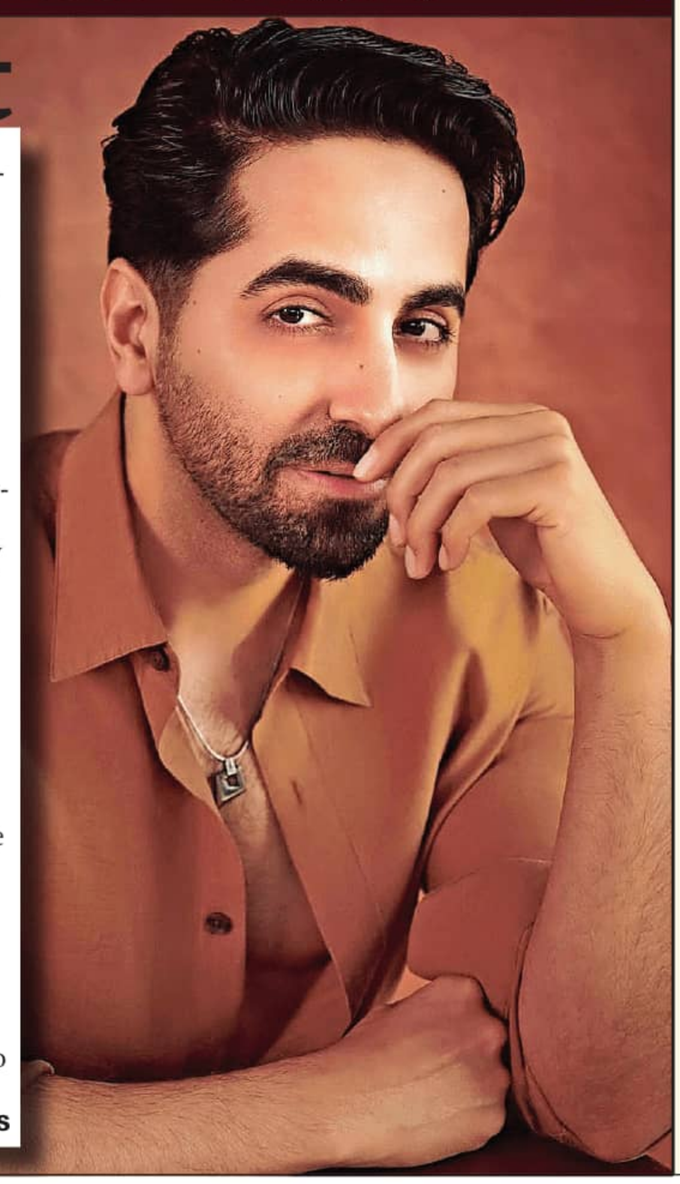
Having started his acting career at the age of 7 with the Royal Shakespeare Company in London, Bailey mastered his craft both on screen and on stage. While he got his first break with the hit 'Broadchurch', it was his performance as Lord Anthony Bridgerton in 'Bridgerton' that brought him much applause. —ANi

Actor first

Ayushmann Khurrana is a rare multitalent in Indian cinema; an actor, singer, and a performer. A couple of years ago, he had mentioned that he would be equally concentrating on his music career as much as he is concentrating on his acting career. But it has been a while since a song has been released from his side, but with the success of his latest film Thamma- can one expect a single from him soon.

He answers the question in his latest interview with ETimes. During the conversation he said that all his time has been taken up by his films leaving him no time for music. He will be releasing three films next year from Pati pati Aur Woh 2 with Rakul Preet Singh, Sara Ali Khan and Wamiqa Gabbi second being Karan Johar-Gunnet Monga with Sara Ali Khan and third being Sooraj Barjatya's next with Sharvari. Talking about his next song he said, "I'm caught up with a lot of films. I'm waiting for their release. And I'll be singing versions or reprised versions of my songs in the films only."

The actor explained that the extent of his musical involvement often depends on the tone and space within each project. Ayushmann began his career as a singer-songwriter but as his film career continued to soar, the actor admits that his singing now naturally takes a backseat. —ETimes



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Flirt on Nov 28

The theatrical release date of Chandan Kumar-starrer Flirt has been postponed from November 7 to November 28. Kumar, who is known for his appearances on small screen, debuts as a director apart from bankrolling the movie and playing the protagonist.

Kumar bankrolled the movie under the Everest Pictures banner. The movie has a tagline – A pure davvu story. Nimika Ratnakar, Akshata Bopanna are paired opposite Kumar. "I decided to postpone the release date of Flirt as I do not want to release it in a hurry and also do not want to compromise with quality. I also want not to create problems for my friend Darling Krishna's movie Brat that is being screened successfully. If my movie is released on November 7, there may be a shortage of theaters for screening for Brat," said Kumar.

He said the song – Nee Nanna Jeeva – rendered by Kichcha Sudeep has become popular among music lovers. "Though Flirt is a romantic comedy, it has all elements," he said.

Teaser is out

The teaser of the much-awaited Kannada movie Landlord was unveiled on Kannada Rajyotsava at Navrang theater. Duniya Vijay and Rachita Ram are the lead pair in the movie directed by Jadesh K Hampi and bankrolled by KV Satyaprakash and Hemanth Gowda KS under the Sarathi Films banner. January 20 is Duniya Vijay's birthday and the Land Lord is scheduled for release on January 23.

Duniya Vijay thanked Jadesh K Hampi for directing and producers KV Satyaprakash and Hemanth Gowda KS for bankrolling the movie that conveys a message to society. "I am thankful to my fans for supporting me during my lean times. Rachita Ram and I have been living in the same locality and have been friends for quite a long time. I am very happy to share the screen with veteran actress Umashree. My daughter Ratanya has also acted in the movie," said Duniya Vijay.

Rachita Ram said she decided to act in the movie when the director narrated the script to her. Director Hampi said the movie is set in the 1980s.